

December 12, 2010: SRP now 67

4:30 P.M. Matthew and Hunter just came in to the Historical Society office to wish me a happy birthday. They came in bearing birthday greetings and food gifts—calzone from Domenick's Pizza. Such terrific guys, both of them. They have transformed the Historical Society in the past nine months or so. We are very fortunate to have them. They like me as much as I like them. The Historical Society is the big winner. Not only do they help accomplish a huge amount of work here, at the same time they provide the emotional/human support that makes it possible for me to devote the greatest part of my daily energy to the Historical Society.

Birthday greetings for SRP on *Facebook* from Karl Barbee; birthday phone message from Hunter Taylor on the machine when I got here in mid-afternoon, after having devoted about four hours to cleaning and organizing in the poultry barn. Things are coming under control in the barn. Seven or eight setting hens, on very special eggs, make it very labor intensive during my time there. Five breeding pens set up and a very nice stream of "special" eggs is in force, from excellent Partridge and Silver-Penciled Rocks and Malays; also Narragansett turkeys. Seven Rock chicks (at least 50% of them Silver-Penciled) out and about, with a Black Breasted Red American Game bantam hen. I started up the incubator at mid-day today and put 50+ eggs from my best birds therein: with any luck there should be quite a number of chicks on January 1-2.

Winter time thaw: temperature about 50 degrees Fahrenheit today. Nice treat. It was less than 10 degrees Fahrenheit earlier in the week. Yesterday, Hunter and I produced the "Friends of D&H Caboose 35964" flyer that is given here at 1039.docx. Matt and I made a start on the flyer a couple of days ago, and I finished the flyer yesterday. Then went to the Library and printed out 100 copies of same and inserted them in the Historical Society's Christmas card—which I dropped off at the Post Office on my way home last night. Many of the cards should be received tomorrow or the next day. I am anxious to see what kind of "Friends" response we get. I am inclined to think that the response will be good. Hunter and I also set up and then mailed out the electronic version of the Society's Christmas card (enclosures: *Friends* flyer, Jim Racht book announcement; CHS&M membership renewal form). So there should be good membership renewal and Friends activity this week. Every day this week, I must send out no less than 25 Friends flyers to potential Friends. The Society's Christmas card is given here at 1041.jpg and 1041a.jpg.; 1042.jpg is the cover of Jim Racht's

recent book on Carbondale; 1042a.jpg is the *Acknowledgments* page, on which SRP is given credit for his involvement in the project.